#### FINANCE AND COMMERCE

HE CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF ..

bacco Exchange-Internal Revenue Collections Foreign Ad vances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—There was a disposition to-day on the part of the holders of stocks to realize profits on the recent rise, and the bears helped along the reaction by free short selling. There were one or two exceptions in the market, and some coverings of shorts before the close by the bears, so that het declines do not indicate the extreme fall in prices. But the general tone of speculation was heavy, and no aggregate disposition to buy was manifest. The irrner tone of the rails of the halt in the bull movement. The decline in cash holdings by the banks shown by Saturday's statement and the libralize of the halt in the bull movement. The decline in cash holdings by the banks shown by Saturday's statement and the libralized of the halt in the bull movement. The decline in cash holdings by the banks shown by Saturday's statement and the libralized in surplus reserves to below 110,000,000 are features in the money situation which will be accentuated during this week. The announcement from Washington that the bonds maturing on January 1st would be paid off on December 24th bears on the situation. The agreement of these bonds is \$25,000,000. The payments already made to the Government on account of the Union Pacific sales, which amounts to \$25,000,000. The Government will disburse over \$5,000,000 in interest on January 1st. The bulance which the Union Pacific reorganization company still has to pax the Government amounts to \$25,000,000, and of this amount will be suddenly withdrawn from circulation, but will be allowed to remain on deposit for the present in mational banks in this city. But the continuing deficit in the revenues which has fed a constant stream into the money market has been recognized as a factor in the case of money rates, and the completion of these operations will put a new phase on that condition. Rates for call loans were not above 2½ nor below 2 per cent. The market was almost wholly technical, the strength of the coulers with no news to account for it, serving to sustain values somewhat.

months ago.
bend market showed a decided dele activity to-day. The high-grade
continue to improve, but some of
centative bonds are showing losses,
sales, \$2,250,000. United States 5 s

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total sales of stocks were 300,000 is including Atchison preferred. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.

Louisville and Nasnville, 6,731; attan, 12,225; Metropolitan Traction, Missouri Pucific, 8,540, New Jersey al, 9,875; Northern Pacific, 19,850; referred, 18,870; Rock Island, 8,378; referred, 18,870; Rock Island, 8,378; aud., 22,534; Union Pacific, 7,642; Bay Gas, 14,350; Chicago Great Western, Chicago Gas, 16,219; Sugar, 38,942.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE -- Money or

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STOCK QUOTATIONS.	tocks 1314
	30%
Atchison	1314
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Entimete Pacific	15534
Canada Southern	10%
Control Pacific	2274
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Chicago and Alton	9914
Chi. B. and Q servers	521/2
Cht and E. Ill	21534
C. C. C. and St. L.	80
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Del, and Hudson	15234
Del. La Blid W	21%
Don and Rio G. pfd	45%
Wele (new)	15
Erie (new) 1st pfd	38%
Fort Wayne	170
Great Northern pfd	130
Hocking Valley	10334
Illinois Central	1656
Lake Erle and Warter	70
C. C. and St. L. ptd.  ped, and Hudson  ped, L. and W.  pen, and Rio G.  perit (new)  Erie	174
Lante and Nach	57.14
Manhattan L	100%
Met. Traction	124
Mich. Central	103
Minn and St. Louis	2014
Minn, and St. L. 1st pld	34%
Mo. Pacific	29
Mobile and Ohio	1814
Mo., K. and T.	30%
Mo., K. and T. pid.	917
Chicago, ind. and L. pfd	32
No T Control	8794
N Y Contral	107%
Chicago, Ind. and L. pfd. N. J. Central N. Y. Central N. Y. Contral N. Y. Chl. and St. L. N. Y. Chl. and St. L. 1st pfd. N. Y. Chl. and St. L. 2d pfd. N. Y. Chl. and St. L. 2d pfd. Nor. West N. and W. pfd. North American Co. No. Pacific pfd. Contarto and W. Ore: R. and Nav. Cre. Short Line Pittsburg Reading	1314
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	35
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 2d prd	14
Nor. West.	4535
N. and W. pld.	454
North American Co	21%
No. Pacific and	50074
Ontario and W	1536
Ore. R. and Nav	2016
Ore. Short Line	18
Pittsburg	2134
Reading	91%
Rock Island	814
St. Louis and S. W. F.	5884
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St. P., M. and M	123
So. Pacific	20
Southern R. W.	201
Towns and Ducids	11
Union Pacific	25%
U. P. D. and G.	716
Wabash	774
Wabash pfd	18%
Wheeling and L. E. t. r	2.
Wabash pfd. Wheeling and L. E. t. r. Wheeling and L. E. pfd.	10.
EXPRESS COMPANIES.	
A American Disconnection	150
American Express	115
United States	40
American Express	114
MISCELLANEOUS.	
MIBUELLANEAUG.	2314
A. Cot. Oll	741
A. Cot. Oil pittis	714
American Spirits pfd	15.
American Tobacco	8714
A. Cot. Oll. A. Cot. Oll pfd. American Spirits American Spirits pfd. American Tobacco American Tobacco pfd.	112
Chicago Gas	11674

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	108%
D. and R. G. 1sts	90%
D. and R. G. 4's	110
East Tenn. lats	72
Erie General 4's	4223
F. W. and D. 1sts, t. r	100
General Electric 5's G. H. and S. A. 6's	104
G. H. and S. A. O'S	102
G. H. and S. A. 2ds	112
H. and T. C. 5's	105
H. and T. C. 6's	90
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Kan. P. Con. L. F.	112
K. Pac. 1st (Den. Div.) t. r La. New Consols, 4's	199
La. New Consols, 48	86%
L and N. Uni. 4's	100
Missouri 6's M. K. and T. 2ds	63%
M. K. and T. 208	87
M., K. and T. 4's N. Y. Central 1sts	11944
N. J. C. 3's	11214
North Carolina 6's	12215
North Carolina 4's	103
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Pacific 6's of '95	102%
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R. G. W. 1sts	8294
St. Louis and L. M. Con. 5's	80
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	119%
St. P. Can	141
St. Paul, C. and P. lats	192
St. P. Con. St. Paul, C. and P. 1sts St. Paul, C. and P. 5's	117%
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Southern R. W. 5's	50%
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EICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14, 1897. SALES, -1.000 Virginia Centuries at 68%, 000 do, at 68%, 112 shares Virginia-Caro-ine Chemical preferred (B. C.) at 100%, GOV. SECURITIES. Bid. Asked U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907..... 1131/2 ... STATE SECURITIES.

North Carolina 4's, C. 1910... 105½ ...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919... 125
Va. 3's, new, C. and R. 1932... 78½ 79
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R. ... 68% 609
CITY SECURITIES.

Richm'd City 8'8, R., 1904-1910, 132 Richm'd City 6'8, R., 1904-1910, 116 Richm'd City 5'8, R., 1920-1922, 1124, Richm'd City 4'8, R., 1920-1929, 103 RAILROAD BONDS.

Atlanta and Charlotte ... 100 97%
N. and W. pfd ... 100 45
Petersburg ... 100 113
R. and P. and R. F. and P. Connection BANK STOCKE.

City 25 28 2842

City 25 29

Merchants National 160 18242 ...

Metropolitan 25 29

National Bank of Va. 160 101

Planters National 160 244 250

Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co. 29 3242 ...

Security 160 103 105

State Bank of Va. 160 139

Union Bank of Richmond, 50 11442 ...

Virginia Trust Co. 160 130

Line Bank of Richmond 25 35 ...

INS. COMPANIES. INS. COMPANIES. Va. Fire and Marine......25 2442 Virginia State ......25 2334 MISCELLANEOUS.

\* Quotations are for bonds maturing in act less than ten years. GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14, 1897. No. 2 mixed 271/40 No. 3 mixed 27 51 Winter seed 30 69 35 RYE-No. 2 ..... @ 53

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 14.—The price of peanuts has fallen again, and is now ranging from 1974c. having dropped from 29c. Nuts are coming in freely, and indications are that the crop is larger than anticipated. The percentage of black nuts is about 30 per cent., which keeps the price down.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—COTTON—
Closed steady; middling, 5%; not receipts,
1.86 bales; gross, 4,339 bales; exports to
Great Britain, 2,531 bales; to France, 1.084
bales; to the Continent, 3,558 bales; forwarded, 2,407 bales; sales, 700—all spinners; stock, 91,527 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 73,825 bales;
exports to Great Britain, 13,694 bales; to
France, 12,025 bales; to the Continent, 10,633 bales; stock, 1,125,311 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 203,801 bales;
exports to Great Britain, 31,770 bales; to
France, 12,973 bales; to the Continent,
76,972 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts,
4,656,686 bales; exports to Great Britain,
1,456,453 bales; to France, 423,342 bales;
to the Continent, 1,183,339 bales.

 
 American Tobacco
 112

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 112

 Chicago Gas
 96%

 Consolidated Gas
 176%

 Com. Cable Co.
 175

 Col. F. and Iron
 23

 Col. F. and Iron pfd
 70

 General Electric
 33%

 Illinois Steel
 46

 La Clede Gas
 44%

 Lead pfd
 104½

 Nat. Lin. Oil
 16%

 Dre. Imp. Co. L. F.
 14½

 Pacific Mail
 30%

 Pullman Palace
 172

 Silver Cartificates
 57%

 Standard Rope and Twine
 44%

 Sugar
 143%
 Futures opened quiet; sales, 1,300 bales; January, 5,71; February, 5,74; March, 5,78; April, 5,82; May, 5,88; June, 5,91; July, 5,97; August, 6,05; September, 6,01; October, 6,09; December, 5,70; Futures closed quiet; sales, 71,160 bales; January, 5,70; February, 5,74; March, 5,78; April, 5,83; May, 5,87; June, 5,91; July, 5,93; August, 6,00; September, 5,90; October, 6,01; December, 5,69; Spot cotton closed quiet and steady; middling uplands, 5%; middling guif, 6%; sales, 700 bales.

| Sugar | Hope and Twine | 418, | Sugar | 143% | Sugar pfd | 1144, | Tenn. Coal and Iron | 25% | U. S. Leather | 25% | U. S. Leather pfd | 62% | U. S. Rubber pfd | 62% | U. S. Rubber pfd | 161 | U 8. Rubber ...... 1612 8. Rubber pfd..... 677 NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—COTTON—Futures steady; sales, 13,100 bales; December nominal; January, 5,3395,34; February, 5,3895,39; March, 5,4395,44; April, 5,4895,49; May, 5,5395,54; June, 5,3895,56; July, 5,6395,64; August; 5,6795,08; September, 5,7125,73. | S. Rubber 1d. | Soft | Western Union | Soft | Chicago Northwestern | 1214 | Chicago Northwestern pfd | 152 | St. Louis and S. W | 4½ | St. Louis and S. W | 1014 | Rio Grande and W | 22 | Rio Grande and W | 55 | Chicago Great Western | 107% |

| Chicago Great Western | 167% | BONDS |
| U. S. New 4's, reg | 12944 | American middling, 3 7-32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 9,700 bales American. Receipts, 20,000 bales, including 3,000 American. Put S. S. S. Coup | 11445 | Chicago Great | 11452 | Chicago Great | 11454 | Chicago Great | 1000 | Chicago Terminal | 100 LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.-4 P. M.-COT-

CHICAGO MARKET. CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The uncertainties
of the December dealings in wheat acted
as a closing to-day upon the futures that
otherwise would in all probability have
made some response to a number of bullish items in the day's news. There were
some legitimately bearish influence, such
as heaviness and lower prices in continental markets that; with the help of
2c, further drop in December, helped to
wear ½c, off the May price, those declines
being established at the close. Corn and
oats were dull, and closed at trifling declines. Provisions were stronger, and advanced 2½455c.

Dec. ..... May. .... OATS-No. 2. 22 22 21¼ 22¼ 22¼ 22¼ May MESS PORK-Dec. 4.371/2 4.421/2 4.371/3 Jan. 4.371/2 4.571/2 4.571/2 4.521/2 HORT RIBS- 4.95 4.25

spring wheat, SSUSSUCC. No. wheat, SOUDOC. No. 2 red. 97608c f. o. b., 236/244c.; No. 2 ryc, 45%c; No. 3 white harley, f. o. b., 255/640c; No. 1 flax seed \$1.135/64.18; prime timothy seed, \$2.625/66 (2.65; mess pork, per barrel, \$7.45/67.50; lard, per 100 barrels, \$4.35/64.40; short rib sides (loose), \$4.2694.55; dry saited shoulders (boxed), \$4.5694.65; whisky, distillers finished goods, per gallon, \$1.59; sugaracut loaf, \$5.95; granulated, \$5.32; butter steady; creamery, 15472c; dairy, 12649c; cheese quiet at \$6.85/2c; eggs steady; fresh, 20c.

BALTIMORE MARKET. BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.-FLOUR-Quiet

and unchanged. WHEAT-Dull; spot, mosth, 96%,97c. Wheat-Dull; spot, mosth, 96%,97c. January, 97c.; May, 93c. bid; steamer No 2 red, 914,9914. Southern wheat, by sample, 169,974,6c.; do, on grade, 92%,6

CRN-Steady: spot, 336,334c; month castly. December, new or old, 324,56; January, 314,632c; February, 326; steamer mixed, 309,6304c; South-white corn, 27,46324c; do, yellow, 63034c.

rn white corn, 21793-22-7, Try65236;
OATS-Steady: No. 2 white, 20/21/930c;
No. 2 mixed, 279274c.
RYE-Dull and steady; No. 2 nearby,
2c. No. 2 western, 53c. bid.
HAY—Quiet and steady; choice timothy, IA) - Call a sked. FREIGHTS-Fairly active and asy: steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 4d. recember; Cork for orders, per quatter, a 6d. January, 2s. 6d. February. SUGAR-Strong and unchanged.

BUTTER-Quiet and unchanged. EGGS AND CHEESE-Steady and un WHISY-Unchanged.

NEW YORK DRY-GOODS MARKET. NEW YORK DRY-GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The disagreeable weather to-day has had a bad effect on store trading in all departments of the large goods market, but it is not possible hat there would have been any heavy rading to record had the weather been air. Huyers refuse to give any life to rading. Mail orders on the other hand, how a slight increase, although it being Tuesday, the aggregate is not heavy.

NAVAL STORES.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 14.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 30%
20%; receipts, 100 casks.
ROSIN—Firm at 81.20.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Steady at \$1.40
21.00; receipts, 35 barrels.
TAR—Steady at \$1.05; receipts, 228 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 14.-TUR-PENTINE-Market firm at 30c.; sales, ROSIN-Firm and unchanged; sales

SAVANNAH, GA. Dec. 14.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 30%,c.; sales, 664 casks; receipts, 1.275 casks. ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; receipts, s,153 barrels; sales, none.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.
Richmond, Va., Dec. 14, 1897.
Sales of new dark loose tobaccos on
the Richmond, Va., breaks to-day; Crenshaw's Warehouse acid 70,249 pounds;
highest price, \$10. Shockoe Warehouse
sold 77,437 pounds; highest price, \$11.25,
Total, 147,977 pounds; highest price, \$11.25,
Elig breaks of new dark loose tobaccos
at Crenshaw's and Shockoe warehouses
to-morrow (Wednesday), December 15,
1897.

necessitate double sales an ansimagain.

Frivate sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day: Wrappers, 3 hogsheads; fillers, 12; smokers, 1. Total, 16 hogsheads. The tobacco inspector reports light sampling to-day.

Shockoe, Alleghany, Old Dominion and Davenport's warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 36 packages; deliveries, 26 packages.

United States internal revenue collec-tions on tobaccos for the city of Rich-mond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, \$171.85; plug tobaccos, \$1,788.69. Total, \$1,960.54.

The usual sale of bright loose tobaccos at Stonewall Warehouse to-day. Planters Warehouse had a large sale of bright loose tobaccos to-day. Some good, working stock was offered, which sold at fair prices. There will be a break at this warehouse to-morrow. Some good wrappers will be offered. Last sale at this warehouse...

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

December 15, 1897. 

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 14, 1897.

ARRIVALS.
Steamer Virginia, Porter, merchandise and passengers, Baltimore Steam Packet Company from Baltimore.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Company from Norfolk.

SAILINGS.

Steamer Virginia, Porter, merchandise

SAILINGS.
Steamer Virginia. Porter, merchandise and passengers, Baltimore Steam Packet Company for Baltimore.
Steamer Winyah. Simmons, merchandise and passengers, Ciyde Line for Philadelphia.

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, DEC. 14, 1897.

ARRIVED.

Schooner Marjory Brown, New Haven,
Schooner Henry Satton, New York,
Schooner Stella B. Kauston, New York,
Schooner I. C. Ballard, New York,
Schooner Jonathan Sawyer, New York,
Barge Nyack, New York,
Barge Coal King, New York,
Steamer Fitzpatrick, Hamburg,
Steamer Fitzpatrick, Hamburg,
Steamer Helvetia, New Orleans,
Steamer Eosten City, Hallfax

SAILED. Steamer Pisa, Hamburg.
Steamer Sterling, Boston.
Steamer Saturn, Boston.
Barge A. H. Smith, New York.
Barge Solitaire, Providence,
Bark Stadacona, Rio de Janeiro.

ARRIVED. Steamship Accomac, Thompson, Norfolk, passengers and general cargo. SAILED. Steamship Accomac. Thompson, Norfolk, passengers and general cargo.

Albemarie Cutting Scrape. CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 4.— Special.—Mr. Joseph Griffin, a farmer, who resides at Rio Station, a few miles north of the city, was hady stabled by John Draper, a plasterer, this morning. Mr. Griffin was cut in three places on the teft side, and it is feared that the wounds may prove serious. The difficulty resulted from an old feud,

3 17-64, sellers; October and November. NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

PROSPECTIVE BUILDING.

Marriages Present and to Take Place-A Cotton-Gin Has a Narrow Escape from Destruction-Funeral of J. B. Martin

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 14.-Special .-Mr. W. E. Lumley and Miss Ida Rochelwere married at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride at Gorman, Durham county. Rev. O. C. Horton, of East Durham, performed the ceremony. Major W. A. Guthrie to-day received telegram from Senator Marion Butler hat a bill appropriating \$125,000 for a

that a bill appropriating \$125,000 for a public building at Durham passed the United States Senfite this morning. Walter A. Jennings, one of the clerks in the Durham postofilee, has resigned his position and gone to Richmond. From there be expects to go out West.

COMING WEDDINGS.

On Wednesday evening in Trinity Methodist church, the marriage of Mr. J. E. Stagg and Miss Mamle W. Lyon will be solemnized. Attendants will be present from Richmond, New York and other places.

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Another marriage of interest will occur on the 22d instant, when Mr. C. H. Barbes, of the Seaboard Air Line will lead to the hymeneal altar Miss Exema Watts.

A cotton gin belonging to A. J. Hall, a few miles from Durham, came near being destroyed by fire a day or so gines. Sparks from the engine fell into some lint cotton, igniting it. At the same time a pile of seed colton caught fire in some way. Employes succeeded in extinguishing both fires before much damage was done.

PERSONAL.

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Miss Maud Morgan, of Richmond, Va., is visiting friends in this city.

T. M. Stephens, who for many years has been storekeeper for Biackwell's Durham Tobacco Company, has resigned his position with that firm to go into some other business.

The remains of Rev. J. B. Martin, who died in Danville, Va., Saturday, were intered at Chapel Hill this afternoon, Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, of Durham, conducted the funeral services, Mr. Martin was about sixty-five or seventy years of age and was one of the oldest and most respected members of the North Carolina Methodist Conference. He has a daugher that is a missionary in China at the present time.

TO EXAMINE TREASURER'S BOOKS

Large Number of Criminal Cases. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 11.-Special.-The committee which was appointed by the Legislature to examine the books of the Legislature to examine the books of the State Treasurer and Auditor, began its work to-day. The committee is composed of two senators (a Republican and a Populist) and three members of the House of Representatives. (a Democrat, Republican and a Populist). It will take them four or five days to complete the work.

The State Board of Agriculture met here to-day, and the report of the officers of the Agricultural Department for the past six months was submitted.

The Alliance Shee Factory at Hillsboro has at last started operating. The present capacity is fifty pairs of shoes daily but this will be increased as it is deemed necessarty.

Judge Purnell tried 110 criminal cases

The Approaching Holiday Season Brings Activity in Business and Social Life.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 11.-Special. The Lynchburgers seem to be getting the streets wear a busy and cheerful air. The merchants are displaying tempting wares and advertising the most desirable commodities at what they declare are most remarkably low prices. Quantities of tobacco are coming in and as it is said the weed is selling well the country people are eager to dispose of the crop.

The warehouse men are busy until a late hour at night reciving the loads brought them in every sort of vehicle from a four horse wagon to a rough cart drawn by a dismal little ox or mule.

The expression of some of the foriorn little heasts seems to indicate that they would like their owners to raise some hing they could eat or at least give them an interest in the sale of the tobacco. It is a queer scene around a warehouse he streets wear a busy and cheerful air.

is a queer scene around a warehouse bout 10 o'clock at night, the oddly-dress-i farmers unpacking their loads by the ght of pine knots they have brought om home for the purpose. They seen alte oblivious of the beautiful electriquite oblivious of the beautiful electric light, with its fittul shadows as of the other sights and sounds of the city. The dry goods merchants seem to be doing a rushing business and some of the clothing dealers say their trade has never been as good as in the present season. All the wholesale merchants are busy supplying their customers from a dis-tance particularly the grocers and it is supported that two or three new concerns reported that two or three new concern

will open after the holidays.

A comfortable cottage has just been completed in the city park which adds completed in the city park which adds greatly to the appearance of that resort. A porch runs all around the building, which is especially intended for the benefit of the numerous pleafe parties seeking rest and change in the beautiful grove when summer heats make city folks long for rural shades.

The health of the city is very good the early no doubt the exclusion of

pigs as citizens, the great improvement of the streets in recent years, the parks electric cars, etc., have much to do with electric cars, etc., have much to do with this result. It is notable that in the mortuary reports, the number of deaths is usually twice as great for the colored people as for the whites. As the colored population is considerably less now than when so many tobacco factories were working, this proportion is very large. It is a fact also that the deaths among is a fact also that the deals almost the negroes are much more numerous among the young women and children, than with any other class. In a few years this must make important changes in the statistics of the race. The mortality is undoubtedly due to the unhygienic condi-tions in which the lowest class of negroes

Mr. T. D. Davis, president of the City

Mr. T. D. Davis, president of the City Council, has repeatedly called attention to the need of a reformatory and industrial school for negre girls.

Lynchburg would surely have many advantages as a location for such an institution. Its central position and healthfulness make it particularly desirable. Entertainments and amusements seem to be offered the citizens in abundance these days.

Just now the town is gone wild over the feats of the hypnotists and schemes for

and the lovely hostess moved among her guests, the admiration of all eyes.

To see such fine types of the Virginians to-day makes one realize that it was worth while for John Smith and his contemporaries to take so much trouble in the seventeenth century in securing this "goodly land" for those who were to come after them.

A PRISONER ESCAPES. Prized the Locks Off With a Stove Handle and Took Leg Bail.

BOOKER, VA., Dec. 14. - Special. -John Rose (colored) broke fall at Sussex Courthouse yesterday morning and Sussex Courthouse yesterday morning and escaped. Mr. W. M. Neblett, the jailer, let him out of his room into the corridor of the jail for the purpose of washing his clothes. The jailer then, fastening the doors as usual, left, and in about one hour or so he saw some one heeling it very fast across the field from jail, and upon investigation he found he had in some manner procured the poker or stove key, and then, by prizing the locks open, got away. The jailer immediately gave chase, but with no avail, as the prisoner had reached the woods.

He had been sent to jail by Justice Windfield, of Stony Creek district, for house-breaking, and was to have been tried at the December term, but Judge West continued the case over till the January term.

Mr. Neblett, the jailer, has offered a reward of ten dollars for his arrest and return.

The farmers through this section are

reward of ten dollars for his arrest and return.

The farmers through this section are very much dissatisfied over the prices of produce.

Spanish peanuts at 40 to 50c, per bushel; Virginia peanuts, 1 to 2c, per pound; cotton, 1 to 1%c, per pound in seed or 4% to 5%c, in the lint, they say, don't pay debts. But still they continue to plant the same crops over, with the hope of better prices next season, only to be lasted again. The merchants are complaining very much over the dull trade so near the holidays.

Game is scarce through this section. More "Bob Whites" are heard than for several years, but still there is a scarcity, and since the law protecting them has been abolished, they soon will be still scarcer.

The public reads are cetting very bad

scarcer. The public roads are getting very bad again.

ACADEMIC DIVISION. A New Rule at the University of Virginia

Which Works Well. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Dec. 14.

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. Dec. 14.—
Special.—The change in the custom at the University of Virginia, by which the academic session is now divided into three portions instead of two, is working well, the more even distribution of the examinations being conducive to more uniformity sustained class work. There is one class of young men to whom it is certainly favorable—those who wish to enter the University, but were unable to do so at the beginning of the session.

Heretofore it has not been to the advantage of a new student to enter in January, because January was mainly given up to examinations, in consequence of which the student entering found that he practically lost the whole of that month. Now he can enter at once upon his regular class work, with two full terms of the session remaining.

The advantage is increased, too, by the fact that in some of the schools either new courses or new divisions of courses are taken up, so that he enters at the most favorable time within the session.

DR. BAKER INSANE.

It is Believed the Scandal and Charge that He Murdered Mis Wife is the Cause. BRISTOL, VA., Dec. 14.-Special.-Ac cording to information received from responsible persons residing near Dr. John A. P. Baker, at Abingdon, the unfortu-nate man is not only suffering from ner-yous prostration, but is mentally derangyous prostration, but is mentally declared ed and is said to be in a raying condition at times, Imagining that friends at upon him and fighting them with migh Among the best people of Abingdo many believed Dr. Baker to have min dered his wife as was charged in its when the great Baker-Gilmer sensation was sprung upon the public, and upon this belief his frantic condition is a counted for.

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crooked handles, with a worth \$3.50. Ing silver tips, actually worth \$3.50. for this great holiday sale \$2.50 Great Xmas Sale of Austrian China Novelties.

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Brass Fasals Liese days.

Just now the town is gone wild over the feats of the hypnolists and schemes for making people enjoy thetmselves and coaxing money out of their pockets are constantly unfolded.

For those who value mental improvement Rivermont College is offering a fine opportunity in its course of free lectures given fortnightly. Many of the townspeople attend and appreciate them.

One of the most agreeable of the private entertainments of the season was the "Virginia tea party." given to the members of the grown folks' history class a few days ago by Mrs. John H. Lewis, sister of C. Pahney Langhorne, of Richmond. A feature of the occasion was the library table laden with histories of Virginia and works by Virginia authors. Among the historical works were the redoubtable Captain John Smith's account of his adventures in Virginia and stith's ancient volume, very quaint in both its written and printed style, was dated Williamsburg. 1733."

Many clever and cultivated Virginians were present and handled the records of their fathers with curious interest. Professor Page told some amusing stories,

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